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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT 1400, 30 APR 76

REF: A) STATE 103293, B) SINAI 360

FOR SSM

1. PERMANENT CONSTRUCTION.

A. ALL MODULES IN PLACE EXCEPT FOR GIDDI EAST, WHERE CRANE AND MODULE ARE ON SITE. GIDDI EAST MODULE WILL BE PLACED AT 1700 LOCAL.

B. TOWERS ERECTION SUMMARY.

TEMP CAMP	220 FT	COMPLETED
MITLA EAST	150 FT	COMPLETED
MAIN BASE	200 FT	180 FT, COMP. TOMORROW
MITLA WEST	70 FT	LATER
GIDDI EAST	30 FT	COMPLETED

RIGGERS FOR TALL TOWERS PLANNING TO RETURN HOME IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

2. TRUCKS AND CRANES.

AS OF MAY 1 FIVE LOW BOY TRUCKS AND THE MANITOWOC CRANE WILL BE SURPLUS AND RENTAL COSTS SHOULD BE DISCONTINUED. ONE LOW BOY AND THE LINK BELT CRANE WILL CONTINUE ON RENTAL UNTIL MANHOLES

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AND SIMILAR HEAVY LIFTS ARE COMPLETED. THE MANITOWOC AND

FIVE LOW BOYS WILL REMAIN AT SITE PENDING ZACHRY'S DECISION AS TO THEIR DISPOSAL. IN AN EMERGENCY THEY COULD THEREFORE BE USED ON A DAILY OR HOURLY RENTAL BASIS.

3. GENERATORS.

A. REF A STATES THAT 250 KW GENERATOR IS TO BE INSTALLED AND USED AT SFM BASE TO SERVE AS A BACKUP TO THE 500 KWS AND AS A SOURCE OF EMERGENCY POWER FOR PRIORITY USE. REF A ALSO REQUESTS RECOMMENDED PRIORITIES.

B. SUBJECT DISCUSSED WITH E-SYSTEMS AND ZACHRY ON SITE. THEY SAY THAT THEY HAVE NO PLANS TO INSTALL 250 KW AND NO EQUIPMENT TO CONNECT IT TO THE MAIN SWITCHBOARD FOR BACKUP OR TO DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR EMERGENCY USE. WE HAVE SUGGESTED THAT EXISTING DISTRIBUTION PANELS AT TEMP CAMP MIGHT SERVE FOR EMERGENCY MANUAL SWITCHES. SUGGEST E-SYSTEM GREENVILLE COST INSTALLATION AND PROVIDE EQUIPMENT. INSTALLATION OF GENERATOR COULD TAKE PLACE IN LATE JUNE.

C. RECOMMEND FOLLOWING PRIORITY:

1. USG COMMUNICATIONS
2. OPERATIONS
3. WATER PUMPS
4. KITCHEN AND REFRIGERATION FACILITIES
5. MEDICAL UNIT
6. SUPPORT FACILITIES
7. LIVING QUARTERS
4. COMMUNICATIONS.

A. CAIRO LINK:

VOICE AND TTY TO MOW WORKING. VOICE, HOWEVER, IS TERMINATED IN MANUAL SWITCH OF VERY POOR QUALITY. PLAN TO CHANGE VOICE

TERMINATION IN LATE MAY TO A CONNECTION TO AN AUTOMATIC SWITCH THROUGH THE REQUESTED DIAL TONE CONVERTER. THIS WILL GIVE A GOOD VOICE LINK TO CAIRO.

BACKUP VOICE LINK TO EMBASSY BEING INSTALLED. LINK THROUGH RELAY CHECKED. TERMINATION IS TO BE AT EMBASSY SWITCHBOARD. TO UP DATE REF B: SUEZ RELAY SITE FOR BOTH LINKS IS ON RIDGE ABOUT 6 KMS WNW FROM KILOMETER 101. IT IS ACCESSIBLE BY PAVED ROAD, EXCEPT FOR PORTION UP THE HILL. IT IS THE LOCATION FOR EGYPTIAN RADIO RELAYS. THE RELAYS ARE POWERED BY TWO GENERATORS PROVIDED BY THE EGYPTIANS; HOWEVER, THEY RELAYS WILL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BE MAINTAINED BY E-SYSTEMS FROM SFM.

B. JERUSALEM:

FULLY DUPLEX TELEPHONE LINE IS INSTALLED BETWEEN SFM AND TELEPHONE COMPANY IN JERUSALEM. INTERFACE CABINET AND MODEMS INSTALLED AT TEL CO AND WILL BE MAINTAINED BY TEL CO TECHNICIANS. DATA PACKAGE PROVIDED.

VOICE TIED INTO TEL CO SWITCH AND WORKING. DROP LINE FROM

MODEM TO IDF TTY IN COL. LEVINSON'S OFFICE AND TTY WORKING.
DROP LINE TO UN BEING INSTALLED.

C. SYSTEM TESTS:

WHEN ALL SUBSYSTEMS ARE INSTALLED AND WORKING, THE
THREE CREWS WILL BRING THEM UP FOR FINAL ALIGNMENT
AND CHECKS. RAY VIRGIN WILL CONDUCT THIS TEST BEFORE HE
LEAVES.

CRAIG FINDS IT DOUBTFUL IF THEY CAN FINISH TESTS BEFORE SUNDAY.
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